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SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RESCUE OF REFUGEES AT SEA
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1. WE REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING A RESOLUTION ALONG THESE OR OTHER LINES AT UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA (BEGINNING OCT. 9) AND POSSIBLY AT THE UNGA. REQUEST COMMENTS BY OCT. 3 IF POSSIBLE.

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2. WE EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL DRAFT DESIGNED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, AND NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THIS SUBJECT AT UNHCR EXCOMM OR IN GA. WE WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS POSTS MAY HAVE FOR OTHER PROVISIONS TO STRENGTHEN OR REVISE THIS TEXT.

3. FOR GENEVA: IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THIS IS PRELIMINARY, INFORMAL DRAFT, ON WHICH WE ARE SEEKING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

4. BEGIN TEXT: RECOGNIZING THAT THE TRADITIONAL OBLIGATION OF SHIPS TO RESCUE PERSONS IN DISTRESS ON THE HIGH SEAS IS WELL ESTABLISHED BY CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND IS EMBODIED IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, NOTABLY THE BRUSSELS CONVENTION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF CERTAIN RULES OF LAW RELATING TO ASSISTANCE AND SALVAGE AT SEA OF 1958, AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA OF 1960;

RECALLING THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION APPEALED IN OCTOBER 1977 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING TO ENCOURAGE THE RESCUE OF REFUGEES IN DISTRESS AT SEA;

RECOGNIZING ALSO THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

BEEN RESCUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRADITIONAL HUMANITARI-AN PRACTICE OF MARINERS; BUT

CONCERNED AT CONTINUING REPORTS OF REFUSALS BY SOME SHIPS' MASTERS TO RESCUE REFUGEES IN DISTRESS ON THE HIGH SEAS;

1. COMMENDS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES AT SEA;

2. COMMENDS ALSO THE MASTERS OF SHIPS AND THEIR OWNERS WHO HAVE ACTED IN ACCORDNACE WITH THE HIGHEST HUMANE TRADITIONS OF THE MARITIME COMMUNITY;

3. CALLS UPON ALL MARITIME STATES TO INSTRUCT SHIPS FLYING THEIR FLAGS TO OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS REGARDING RESCUE AT SEA;

4. FURTHER CALLS ON MARITIME STATES TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ASYLUM TO SUCH REFUGEES; AND

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5. CALLS UPON THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO COOPERATE WITH AND INCREASE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE FOR SUCH REFUGEES. CHRISTOPHER

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